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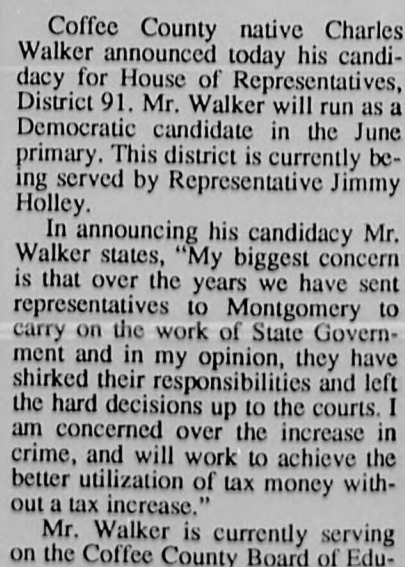
ELBA BAND BOOSTER FUNDRAISER. The Elba Band Boosters will host a Womanless Beauty Pageant to kick-off Band Day. This event will take place Friday (Tomorrow), March 18, at 7:00 p.m., in the Elba High School auditorium. The Band Boosters will also sponsor a Boston Butt Sale March 26 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon at the Elba airport. Tickets went on sale March 7 for \$15.00 and can be purchased from any band member.

ELBA JAYCEE FUNDRAISER. The Elba Jaycees will sponsor a Womanless Beauty Pageant, "Miss Foggy Bottom," Saturday, March 19, 1994, at 1:00. The event will be held at the American Legion building located on the Troy Highway, as part of the "Wall of Dreams." Bar-B-Que is also being served starting at 11:00 a.m. Tickets for the bar-b-que are being pre-sold but they will also be available on Saturday. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward an Easter Egg Hunt, clothes and Easter baskets for the needy children of Elba.

WORKERS PROTECTION MEETING. The Workers Protection Standard Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., in the Coliseum Building at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The Worker Protection Standards Law of 1992, which affects everyone who uses, applies, or works near pesticides, goes into effect on April 15, 1994. This meeting is to help farm operators, farm owners, and farm workers learn HOW TO COMPLY with the law.

MULBERRY CLEAN-UP. On Saturday, March 19, 1994, the Basic Outreach Group will sponsor a major clean up of the old Mulberry Heights School. The group is asking everyone in the community to come out and clean up this eye sore in the Mulberry Heights Community.

Charlie Walker enters race for state representative



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He is the son of H.D. and Lena Walker of the Jack Community in North Coffee county. Walker and his wife, Mary John, a poultry technician with Con Agra, have been married for twenty-three years and have two daughters, Alisha and Carissa, age twelve.

Walker graduated from Elba High School in 1969, and received a Bachelor of Science in Education from Troy State University in 1973, and in 1976 he earned a Masters of Education in Administration and Supervision from Valdosta State Uni-

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Walker announced today his candidacy for House of Representatives, District 91. Mr. Walker will run as a Democratic candidate in the June primary. This district is currently being served by Representative Jimmy Holley.

In announcing his candidacy Mr. Walker states, "My biggest concern is that over the years we have sent representatives to Montgomery to carry on the work of State Government and in my opinion, they have shirked their responsibilities and left the hard decisions up to the courts. I am concerned over the increase in crime, and will work to achieve the better utilization of tax money without a tax increase."

Mr. Walker is currently serving on the Coffee County Board of Education, a position he has held for four years, and has been employed with Windham Lumber Co., Inc. for the past eight years.

After the suspect car went through downtown Opp, police units from Elba and Opp were successful in getting the vehicle stopped.

There was a minimum amount of property damage to the vehicles and no one, police officers or suspects, sustained any physical injuries.

Four (4) male suspects were taken into custody and turned over to juvenile authorities.

Opp and Elba police departments will continue the investigation along with authorities from Miller County, Georgia.

High-speed chase nets four youths and a stolen car

A high speed chase last Thursday evening resulted in the arrest of four juveniles from Georgia.

According to Elba police, at approximately 7:12 p.m., Thursday, March 10, patrol units became involved in the pursuit of a reportedly stolen vehicle from Colquitt, Georgia.

The chase, which started in Elba, proceeded west on U.S. Hwy. 84 and entered Opp from the north on U.S. Hwy. 331.

The juveniles were all between the ages of 11 and 12 years old.

CORRECTION

A letter from Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood Monday reported an error in the report on the Elba City Council meeting in the March 10 edition of the newspaper. The letter was hand delivered by an employee of the Water and Electric Department.

The newspaper has a long standing policy of gladly correcting any factual error reported to the staff and do so here.

The story carried a direct quote of Haywood saying, "It is a headache for me to stop and sign checks when I am trying to run my business."

A certified typed transcript of the meeting furnished by Haywood carried his correct statement. Below are two quotes by Haywood from the furnished transcript:

"I think I can save you a lot of problems there. I would like to have my name removed from signing checks. Signing checks aren't a big deal for me because all the bills have to be approved by the Council anyway. And there have been some Friday mornings at the drug store where I have to, where I have had to sign payroll checks, it would tickle me for Mr. McCollough, Mr. Sharpless, or you to do that."

The second quote was: "We will take a vote on that but I want to go on record tonight that the Mayor won't be signing any more checks, period."

It is not the intention of this newspaper to misquote anyone. Elba city officials have more than enough problems without having to contend with such errors. A sincere apology is extended to Mayor Haywood for any anguish this mistake might have caused him.

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THE CITY OF ELBA IS AGAIN WITHOUT A CITY CLERK - CLARK RESIGNS AS TEMPORARY

Mayor & council disagree over check signing

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

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Work can move forward on getting the bridge built from the new school complex to Taylor Mill Road. The City of Elba accepted a deed to the 100 foot right-of-way connecting the school property and the public highway, thus making it legal for the Alabama Highway Department to let bids for the construction of the bridge.

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The council heard a report from the mayor on the financial condition of the general fund. This had been requested by council members a

members: Earl G. McCollough or John W. Sharpless. The ordinance also requires that all purchase orders for \$500 or more have prior approval of the city council. The vote was 5-1 with Haywood voting no.

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week ago before they voted to borrow money to pay a \$70,000 Workman's Comp bill.

Haywood detailed the present balance in the account and the bills that must be paid from this account. He said the bookkeeper had recommended the entire amount be borrowed.

After some discussion, the council voted to borrow \$70,000 for six months from the local bank which will offer the best interest rates.

Council member John W. Sharpless presented a request from local businessman Ed Tucker, of Tucker Electric for a lease purchase of the old Elba Middle School. Sharpless agreed to get Tucker to prepare the same type agreement as recently signed with Kent English on the old high school gym.

Monthly bills of \$21,643.25 were approved for payment, this included \$5,497 for the annual audit; \$4177.80 gas bill, \$1927 flood insurance and \$2718.98 in equipment repairs.

Police Chief Jack Parker reported answering 18 complaints and issuing 14 traffic citations, including one for driving under the influence. There were four criminal arrests.

The animal control officer picked up 12 dogs. One was returned to the owner.

Following an executive session requested by Parker, the council approved the hiring of Don Watson as HUD officer, replacing Kevin Burk who Parker said recently resigned.

Engineer Bobby Lee presented the council with a study of problems of the sewer system. He agreed to return after council members had had time to review the report.

One recommendation was that the city set up a crew to work on identified problems daily until they had been repaired.

Dennis Coleman added to this sewer report with details of how they intended to solve the sewer back-up problem on Buford Street at the lev-

ee. It will entail spending several thousand dollars to divert a force main sewer from Smith Avenue to another mainline.

Coleman reported to the council that an annual report to ADEM on the sewer system was ready for their review and submission to the state office. He noted the system graded in the 0-70 range (34) and this means Elba is doing OK. In comparison, last year the grade was 1-26, which required some corrections.

Operations Officer Henry Clark reported that the state highway department was planning to resurface several state highways passing through Elba, Highway 84, Brantley Highway and Troy Highway.

The council voted to follow Clark's recommendation and authorize the highway department to include in their bids the \$5-\$6 thousand cost of raising and/or lowering about 20 manhole covers along the route of the resurfacing.

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Commission holds short meeting

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting Monday was one of the shortest held in recent months.

Members of the commission wasted little time in getting through their agenda. One thing which contributed to the shortness of the less than thirty-minute meeting was several no-shows on the agenda.

The problem of garbage service or the lack of it - reared its ugly head one more time.

Carol Eubanks, who lives on U.S. Highway 84 west of New Brockton, told commissioners that her gar-

bage had not been picked up on the right day since the service began.

She was also speaking for several other residents who were experiencing the same problem with their garbage.

"All we want," she told commissioners, "is to have our garbage picked up on the day that they say it will be picked up."

Speaking on behalf of the commission, Commissioner Wendell Black assured Eubanks and the other residents that "we understand your problem and I think now Environmental Waste Systems understands."

Commissioner Sid Averett asked the commission to approve a deviation on the right-of-way for the Old Matthews Creek Road from 80 feet to 70 feet.

He told commission members that he had encountered some difficulty in obtaining property owners' signatures on deeds for this amount of right-of-way.

They had indicated to him that they would sign for a 70-foot easement or deed.

A motion was made by Averett and seconded by Commissioner Bill Faulk to that effect.

During the discussion of the motion, County Engineer Mark Pool told commissioners that he would not recommend anything less than a 80-foot right-of-way.

Pool stated that right-of-ways on county roads should be more standard and not change from one lot to another.

Commissioner Robert Stephens told commission members that he had sought support for less right-of-ways in the past but failed; however, he was successful in obtaining the necessary deeds. In some cases he stated that the road came very close to some residents' front porches.

Commissioner Black voiced his support of the standardization of county right-of-ways.

"One man's front porch is just as important as another's," Black said.

Averett's motion failed in a 2-4-1 vote. Averett and Faulk voted for the

motion while Commissioners Stephens, Black, Lawrence Creed and Jack Hanson voted against. Commissioner Bernest Brooks abstained.

Others matters of business addressed by the commission were as follows:

***Signed a resolution formally opposing the combining of Enterprise State Junior College with any other college.

***Adopted a new credit policy for landfill customers. Customers not paying their bill within the time frame specified in their contract will not be allowed to dump their garbage.

***Approved credit to BFI, Southland Foods, and Goodwill Industries for the dumping of solid waste in the county's landfill.

***Approved the sell of three county vehicles at a Montgomery auction on April 18th.

***Agreed to raise the charge to out-of-town customers for using the landfill from \$20 to \$22 per ton.

***Established a \$40 per ton fee for all hard-to-handle waste deposited in the landfill. The landfill manager will determine what is hard-to-handle.

Views from The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Last weekend's beautiful weather made everyone want to get out and have some fun, and the same was true at the Mularz house, as we pulled out the bats and balls and went out in the front yard with the girls to get in a little practice. Melissa and I loosened up our arms for a while before shagging flies and grounders, and then even got in a little batting practice, while Kathy and Melanie played catch and then put the ball on a tee for Melanie to hit. Both girls will play this season, and while having fun will be the most important aspect of the game, Mom and Dad will try to make sure the girls learn a little, improve as they go and still have fun.

ELBA LADY TIGERS APPEAR LOADED FOR '94 SEASON

The Elba Lady Tigers softball team will begin its season this weekend in a tournament in Luverne, and after looking down the roster, it appears pretty obvious that the Lady Tigers could very well be headed for their best season ever. Coach Susan Barnes has molded the girls softball program into a winning one over the past three years, sending several players on to college on scholarships, and this year she may have her best team yet. Leading returnees include Wendy Boutwell, one of the state's top pitchers, and Katrina Peterson, probably the Lady Tigers' best hitter ever, while other starters include Mary Margaret Jacobs, Marian Smith, Evelyn Rayborn and April Whitfield, making the Lady Tigers a team that on paper appears to be loaded. Games are not won on paper and the girls will have to prove themselves on the field; however, if this year's team works hard and improves, a state title could very well be within their grasp.

COUNTY SCHOOLS JOIN BASEBALL COMPETITION

A couple of years ago none of the county's three county schools fielded baseball teams and there appeared to be little hope for the future of the program. Zion Chapel was the first to get started and the Rebels followed Elba's Legion Field for their home games, while the next year a field was built on the 2C campus and the Rebels had their own ballpark. New Brockton had a field all along, but soon decided to join the ranks, and two years ago began its program, while Kinston started the sport this year, and even though the Bulldogs don't have a field, they have jumped out of the box with three wins and a win in the first-ever county tournament. Baseball is not a sport that is going to make the schools a lot of money, but it is the nation's past-time and a sport that can be played by schools of all ages. The sports program in the county schools has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years and should only get better and better in years to come.

ELBA TIGERS WORKING HARD IN SPRING DRILLS

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TIGER BASEBALLERS GETTING READY FOR OPENER

The Elba Tiger baseball team has been working hard whenever possible and appears almost ready to get the season underway. Many of the Elba players missed early drills because of basketball, and recently the practices have been at odd times to work around football; however, with the talent the Tigers have coming back, the players should have more than enough personal pride to get ready and go after another area title. The Tigers could struggle for a while, but before long the wins should begin to pile up.

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

***While on the subject of baseball, one easy way to eliminate the problems with scheduling and practice would be to move the baseball season out to April and let the playoffs wind down in mid-May. Baseball is supposed to be a warm weather sport, anyway, and by moving the season it would allow spring football drills to develop a definite schedule statewide and solve a lot of problems. Just an idea.

***Robert E. Lee standout Fred Beasley was back in the news for all the wrong reasons last week as the Auburn signee underwent eight hours of surgery to rebuild a damaged knee. Beasley reportedly hurt his knee lifting weights and then blew the knee out playing basketball, and the surgery was a complete reconstructive job, which means a lot of rehabilitation. Beasley can overcome the injury, but could wind up as a linchpin if his speed isn't the same after the comeback. His injury reminds me of the fate of former Jeff Davis standout Arthur Mitchell, a 6'5" tight-end, who looked like a pro during his high school career before being injured. Hopefully, Beasley can overcome the injury and at least use his skills to get a college education.

***The NCAA Tournament tips off this week and after last weekend's upsets it is anybody's guess who will be the team to beat in the run for the title. North Carolina is strong day in and day out and should make a serious run for the top, while Michigan is still loaded and Kentucky showed Saturday that when it is hot, it can whip anybody. I've never been too good at predicting basketball; however, I look for the final 4 to include at least a few of these teams - North Carolina, Oklahoma State, Louisville, Michigan, Cincinnati, Kentucky, Arkansas or UCLA. There will be the obvious first round blowouts, and upsets, but all in all it could be the most exciting tournament ever.

***The Alabama High School Athletic Association voted down the ban on private schools last week, but did find that some new wording could come from the association concerning areas from which the private schools may attract students. Wouldn't it be easier for everyone if the AHSA simply added rules that in the private school ranks no player may participate if he/she is on any type of scholarship, and that no player will be eligible unless he/meets the residency rule already in effect. These rules would end the recruiting that has been going on (despite denials by private schools) and put everyone on the same page.

***I was wrong about Alabama's Coach David Hobbs! He has proven to be one of the top coaches in the SEC and with a couple of years of head coaching experience could become one of the best in the nation. Hobbs' teams play defense the old fashioned way, and he has already proven to be a top-notch recruiter, two qualities that should spell success for years to come. Hey, I'll admit it...I was wrong!

***I can't believe that the folks up in Birmingham tried to get the AH-SAA to move all six state football finals to Legion Field. It is bad enough that the 6A teams have to play on artificial turf in front of 50,000 empty seats every year, but to make all the teams suffer would have been ludicrous. I wouldn't mind the championship games being moved to neutral sites and think that an annual move between Auburn and Tuscaloosa would be great, but to move the games to Legion Field and its artificial turf would be crazy.

***Another idea for the AHSA officials...how about taking a look at the football playoffs and moving the playoff games to Friday and Saturday nights? The 1A-2A-3A playoff games could be held on Fridays, with the 4A-5A-6A games on Saturdays. This would attract bigger crowds to all the games and let the fans see twice as many games, which would result in even greater revenue for everyone involved. It's worth a thought!

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SPORTS

To compete in 12-team tournament

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The Job Opportunities Basic Skills (JOBS) class at Enterprise State Junior College celebrated two students passing their GED high school equivalency test. Pictured from left to right are Kathy Garrett, JOBS instructor at ESJC, Trace Stokes, a GED recipient from Elba, Kristy Miles, a GED recipient from Elba, Jan Murray, JOBS Case Coordinator with the Coffee County Department of Human Resources, and Nelda Coleman, JOBS Supervisor with the Coffee County Department of Human Resources. Not pictured is Nellie English, a GED instructor from Elba.

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Worker Protection Meeting

The Worker Protection Standard Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Coliseum Building at the Farm Center in New Brockton.

The Worker Protection Standards Law of 1992 will go into effect on April 15, 1994. This law affects everyone who uses, applies, or works near pesticides. Farm operators and farm owners need to know HOW TO COMPLY with the law. This meeting is to help farm operators, farm owners, and farm workers learn how to comply. This meeting will meet all the requirements for training by the State Department of Agriculture and Industries for verification purposes. Plan to attend and bring your farm workers.

Peanut Marketing Meeting

The Peanut Marketing Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Farm Center in New Brockton. This meeting will have the most recent update on the Peanut Market.

Speakers will be Mr. Earle Perrell with Sanfilippo and Sons, James Earl Mobley with Alabama Peanut Producers Assoc., Randy Griggs, Executive Secretary of Alabama Peanut Producers Assoc., Dallas Hartzog, Auburn Peanut Agronomist, and Dykes Adkison, President of G.P.A.

A dinner will be provided.

This meeting is being sponsored by the Coffee County Alabama Agriculture Movement and the Coffee County Farmers Federation.

Bessie Jacobs retires from Elba General Hospital

Bessie Jacobs' retirement, there is no longer any of the original staff working at the hospital. They presented her with a plaque in recognition of her many years of faithful service.

During the first 10 years at EGH, Mrs. Jacobs worked as a nurse's aide.

In April of 1973, she graduated from MacArthur Tech's School of Nursing - Practical Nursing Division.

Since that time, she has worked as an L.P.N. (Licensed Practical Nurse).

Bessie is the wife of Paul Jacobs and the mother of two children, Debbie and the late Jimmy Jacobs. She has four grandchildren, two grandsons who live in Margville, TN and two granddaughters who live in Elba.

Bessie Jacobs was employed in August of 1963 when the General Hospital opened its doors.

After more than 30 years of helping those who are ill, Jacobs is retiring.



CONGRATULATIONS TO EMILY BRYAN...Emily was the recent Grand Champion of the Coffee County 4-H and FFA Steer Show. She was with Emily (from left) are Larry Millner of Sessions Co., purchaser of the Champion Steer and Cowdige Presley, of the Enterprise Rotary Club, a major sponsor of the county steer show. Emily is the daughter of Hubert and Lou Ann Bryan of the Pine Level Community.



ALFA INSURANCE HONORS ALLEN...Gary Allen of Elba, AL, agent for Alfa Insurance, has received the Pro DSA award for 1993. The award was presented by Al Dees, Executive Vice-President at the company's annual awards program held in Montgomery, February 17, 1994.

Allen has served as an Alfa Insurance agent for 8 years and serves policyholders at 832 North Troy Hwy. He represents the company's full line of insurance for auto, home, family, and business.

He is a member of the Enterprise Life Underwriters Association and attends Elba United Methodist Church in Elba, AL.

A native of Coffee County, Alabama, Allen is married to the former Jennie Hamm of Elba, AL, and they have 3 children, Justin, Mallory, and Kevin. Seen in the photograph are, (l to r) G. Hardy Bryan, Gary Allen, and Al Dees.

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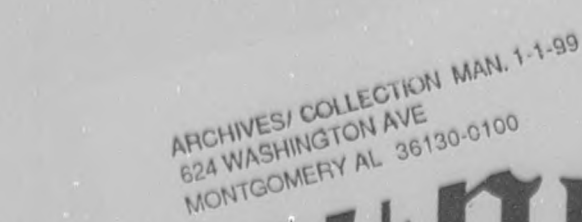
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AUTOPSY REVEALS FOUR BULLET HOLES IN VICTIM'S HEAD & UPPER BODY

Elba man's body found in field along side AL Hwy. 87S

by Marvin McLain
Editor

Shortly after 12:00 noon Monday, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department received a call that a body had been found along side AL Hwy. 87.

Deputies responding to the call found a man's body lying in a field approximately 35 to 40 feet off the highway.

The location of the body was approximately 14 miles south of Elba in the Fairview Community.

Due to the body being in a decomposed state, it was determined by authorities that the man had been dead for several days.

Coffee County Sheriff Brice Paul stated that at 824 N. Troy Highway in Elba, he was employed as a cook at Larry's Barbeque in Daleville.

According to reports, Morris was last seen Sunday night, March 13th, at his residence in Elba.

The body was discovered Monday when a farm employee passed the scene on a tractor and sensed an awful odor. Looking in the general direction of the odor's origin, he thought he saw a dead hog.

The man reported what he saw and smelled to his employer, Ellis Wise.

Wise thought that it might have been one of his hogs struck and killed by an automobile. So, after lunch, he went to investigate further. Upon doing so, the man's body was discovered and a call was made to the sheriff's department.

The investigation into Morris' death is being conducted by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, Alabama Bureau of Investigation, District Attorney's Office, Elba Police Department, and the Department of Forensic Sciences.

Authorities are asking any person or persons having any information concerning this incident to call CrimeStoppers at 897-3881 or 347-7867.

They said the same would apply to the police department if a base radio malfunctioned during the weekend.

After Acting Street Superintendent Billy Meek questioned the procedure, Haywood was asked for a recommendation. He said, "I don't have a recommendation. Someone had this ordinance drawn up. I didn't see it until it was presented to the council."

When the discussion turned to purchases in excess of \$500, which now must have prior approval of the council, council members advised employees to plan ahead.

Council member John W. Sharpless explained they would know how much of an item they used and get permission at a regular council meeting.

Department heads will submit their expected needs to the council. They will be on the agenda for purchase orders, just as monthly bills are now.

Fire Chief Lloyd Driggers presented a prepared statement expressing concern over repairs to emergency vehicles during off hours. When asked how he had been handling this type problem, Driggers explained they made any emergency repairs and got purchase orders after city hall opened.

Council member Bill Brunson explained that the new ordinance wouldn't change this in any manner.

Haywood was quick to oppose this idea and for several minutes references were to "this person" or "this woman." Finally someone used the name of former City Clerk Pat Brunson.

Haywood said that everything he had done was an effort to save the city money. On more than one occasion he voiced opposition to Sharpless' idea.

Once he said he wanted to be on record as the person you are referring to ... would not support her as city clerk.

He then said, "The lady you are referring to won't be coming back as city clerk so you can look someone else up."

He also said he wouldn't work with this woman if they appointed her.

Brunson then brought up the having to borrow money to operate on.

Please See CITY, Page 12

Governor Folsom appoints Stokes to serve on council

Governor Jim Folsom has announced that effective March 10, 1994, Jackson W. (Bill) Stokes, of Elba, has been appointed to serve as a member of the Alabama Job Training Coordinating Council. He will be representing Business and Industry and serves at the pleasure of the governor.

A letter to Stokes, Folsom wrote: "I appreciate your willingness to assume this responsibility, and I am confident that you will render a valuable service to the citizens of Alabama while serving in this important position."

Stokes will be in Montgomery on March 24 and 25 for meetings of the council.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

BAND DAY 1994. The Elba Band Boosters have announced the date for Band Day 1994 - Saturday, April 9, 1994. The event will be held on Courthouse Square with the day's activities beginning at 9:00 a.m. and lasting until 3:00 p.m. There will be arts & crafts on sale, plenty of food to eat, carnival games, bingo games, a dunking booth and an auction. Entertainment will be provided by local talent, Elba's band and many local high school and college bands.

QUALIFYING DEADLINE. The deadline for candidates to qualify to run for public office in the June 7th Primary election is 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 8, 1994.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 28, in the Community Room at the Farm Center Complex located in New Brockton.

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MURDER VICTIM'S BODY...is removed from the scene by law enforcement officials. Pictured above (l-r) are: Billy Baker, Coffee County Coroner-Elba Division; Ben Moates, Coffee County Sheriff; Mark Day, Alabama Department of Forensic Science; and Investigator Will McCarty, Alabama Bureau of Investigation. The body was taken to Dothan where an autopsy was performed to determine the cause of death.

School board adopts disease policy

by Fern Cox
Publisher

The March meeting of the Elba City School Board was highlighted by the adoption of 18 pages of policies dealing with communicable diseases in the schools.

The policy deals with both students and staff and sets guidelines for dealing with communicable diseases that are known not to be spread by casual contact (AIDS, Hepatitis B, etc.)

Superintendent Charles Pearce told board members the new policy wasn't designed to exclude students with these diseases from school.

The policy also sets guidelines for dealing with the problems relating to the matter, Pearce stressed.

It is designed to protect the individual's rights and hopefully give the students guidance in dealing with the problems relating to the matter, Pearce stressed.

A Review Panel will be established to deal with such cases on an individual basis. The policy specifically says that the students with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) should be allowed to attend school. Such communicable diseases are known to be spread by casual contact will be addressed on a case by case basis by the review panel.

The new policy, as previous school policies, has provisions for excluding students or employees who have highly contagious diseases, either primary or secondary.

The panel will consist of (a) the physician treating the individual (b) a health officer from the Coffee County Health Department (c) an approved child/employee advocate (d) a school representative familiar with the child's behavior in the school setting or the employee's work situation (e) either the parent of the child, representative and (f) a district administrator other than the superintendent or assistant superintendent.

The superintendent will not be a part of the panel, and will only be present during testimony. The superintendent will not be present during deliberations on "Proposal for Decision" on particular cases.

There are consent papers to be signed by the infected person and/or parent dealing with the release of information. Any information presented to the panel is confidential and can only be released on a "need to know basis."

A decision by the review panel may be vetoed by the superintendent.

If either the review panel decision or the decision of the superintendent is considered unfair by the parent or employee, they may request a rehearing. If problems continue, the matter may be appealed to the school board.

There are some variations to the above guidelines if the student involved is a special education student.

The policy sets routine procedures for staff members on sanitation and hygiene when handling body fluids.

In other business the council heard reports on the progress of installing playground equipment at the elementary school; April's parent's night at Elba High School; funding for the 1994-95 school year; the Taylor Mill Road access road and bridge funds to landscape school property and officially named the street from Highway 84, Tiger Drive, as suggested last year by the majority of the students. This name was already being used, but had never been officially declared.

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